

On motion by Mr. Thomas, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1858.

Mr. Gilmore presented the petition of the stockholders of the Western Railroad Company, which, on motion, was referred to the committee on internal improvements, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Flanner presented the pension certificate of Alexander Taylor, which, on his motion, was ordered to be signed by the Speaker of the Senate, and transmitted to the House of Commons.

Mr. Martin offered the following resolution, viz :

WHEREAS, By the adoption of the present rules for the government of the Senate, the resident clergymen of this city are requested to open its daily sittings with prayer; and, whereas further, some misunderstanding may exist with regard to compensating said clergymen. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the minister or ministers so officiating shall receive no pecuniary compensation whatever.

On motion by Mr. Gorrell, said resolution was laid on the table—yeas 33, nays 12.

Mr. Martin demanded the yeas and nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashe, Basnight, Battle, Bledsoe, Blount, Boyd, Brown, Carmichael, Cowper, Davidson, Davis, Dobson, Donnell, Douthitt, Edney, Flanner, Gilmore, Gorrell, Lankford, Leach, McDonald, McDowell, McKoy, Miller, Mills, Ramsay, Reinhardt, Steele, Straughan, Taylor, Turner, Walkup and Worth—33.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Cunningham, Dillard, Guyther, Houston, Humphrey, Lane, Martin, Pitchford, Speight, Ward, Whitaker and Williams—12.

Mr. Lane give notice that he would move to-morrow to amend the rules of the Senate by striking out *Rule 1st*.